

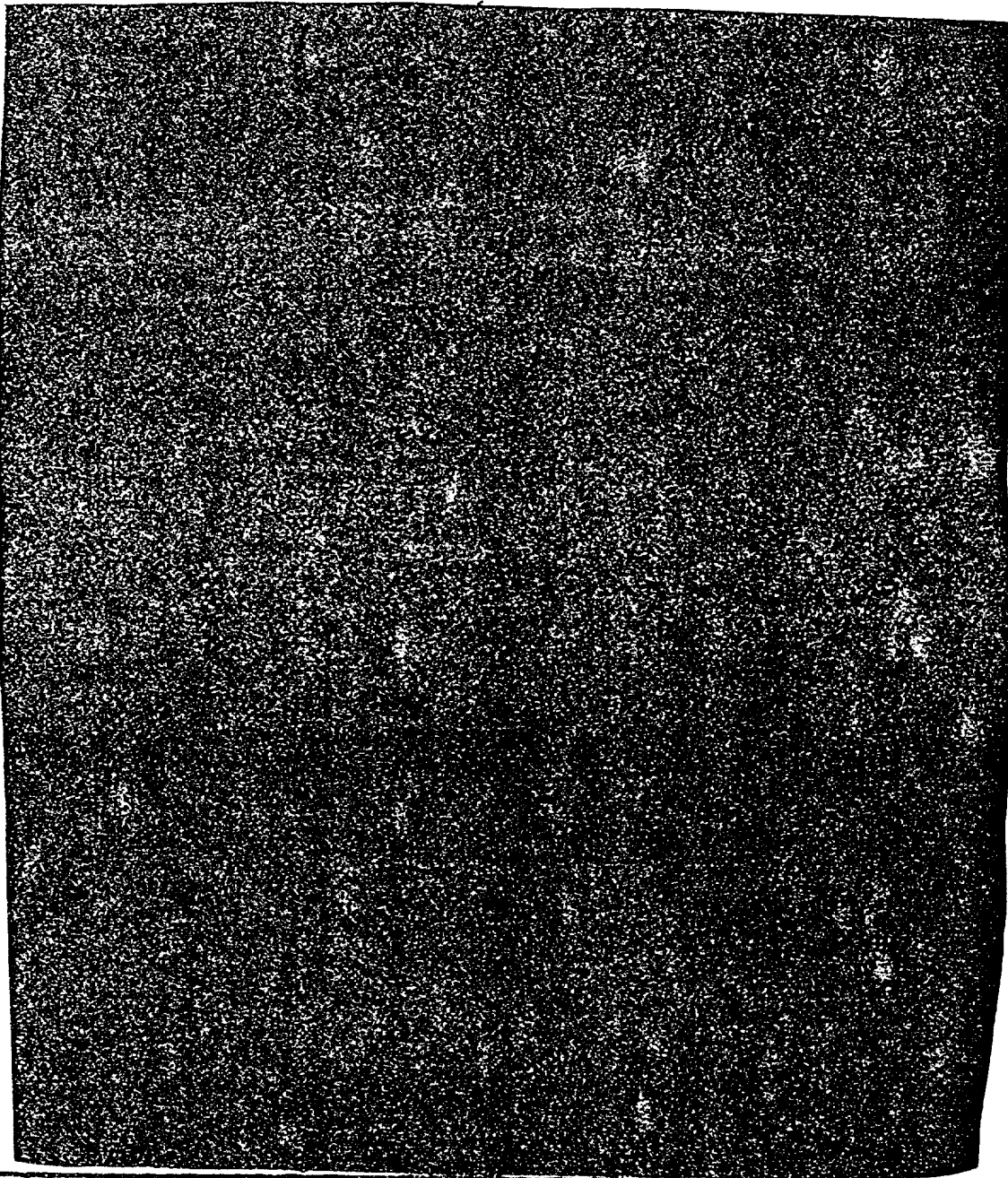


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CENTCOM's press briefing also adjusted reports of US and Iraqi losses over the last 48 hours: 11 US Marines killed and 2 wounded, with 3 light armored vehicles destroyed, and 160 Iraqi prisoners taken, with 22 T-62 tanks destroyed. [REDACTED]

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Political-Economic Developments

Diplomatic Activity in Tehran

Senior envoys from France, Algeria, and Yemen arrived in Tehran today for talks on the Gulf war, according to Iranian press. Iraqi Deputy Premier Hammadi also is in Tehran to meet separately with Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati.

Italian Admiral Quits Gulf Command

Rear Admiral Mario Buracchia resigned yesterday from his command of Italian naval forces in the Gulf after he publicly vented doubts about the Gulf war in an influential left-wing Christian weekly.

Saudi Oil Update

Meanwhile, preliminary press reports indicate the 30,000-b/d refinery at Ra's al Khafji "went up in flames" as a result of ground battles between Iraq and coalition forces.

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